

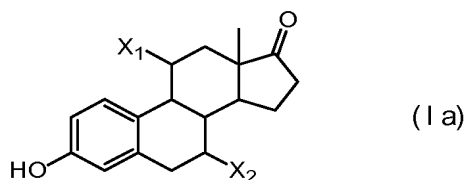
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

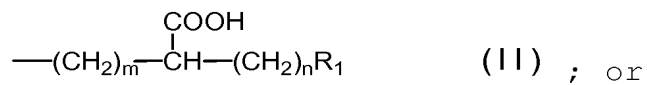
1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended) A compound ~~in accordance with claim 1~~ of formula (Ia)



~~(where~~ wherein:

~~X₁ and X₂ represent independently~~ represents a hydrogen atom or, and X₂ represents a group of formula (II)



X₁ represents a group of formula (II), and X₂ represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

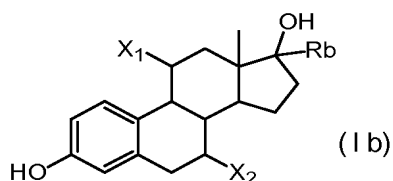
R₁ represents a ~~linear or branched halogenoalkyl~~ nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

~~m is an integer of 2-14~~ 8; and

~~n is an integer of 2-7~~ 3; or

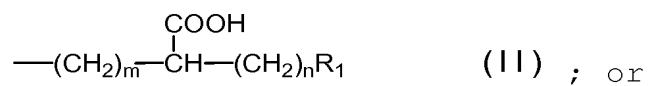
~~provided that X₁ and X₂ are not both a hydrogen atom), stereoisomers of the compound, or hydrates, salts or esters thereof.~~

3. (currently amended) A compound ~~in accordance with~~
~~claim 1~~ of formula (Ib)



~~(where~~wherein:

~~X₁ and X₂ represent independently~~represents a
 hydrogen atom, and X₂ represents ~~or a group of formula (II)~~



X₁ represents a group of formula (II), and X₂
represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

~~R₁ represents a linear or branched halogenoalkyl~~
~~group having 1-7 carbon atoms~~ nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

~~Rb represents a linear or branched alkynyl~~ an ethynyl
~~group having 2-5 carbon atoms;~~

~~m is an integer of 2-14~~ 8; and

~~n is an integer of 2-7~~ 3; or

~~provided that X₁ and X₂ are not both a hydrogen atom),~~
~~stereoisomers of the compound, or hydrates, salts or~~
 esters thereof.

4-5. (cancelled)

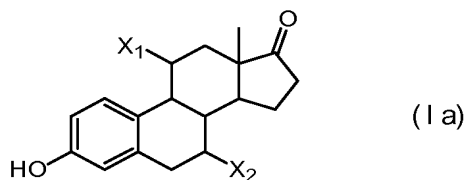
6. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition

comprising the compound, stereoisomers of the compound, ~~or~~
~~hydrates,~~ salts or esters thereof according to claim ~~1-2~~ 2 as an
active ingredient, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable
excipient.

7. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical
composition according to claim 6 formulated for use to prevent
or treat osteoporosis.

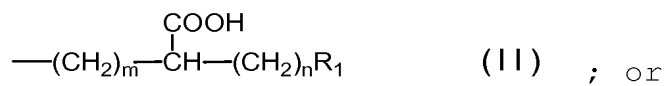
8. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical
composition according to claim 6 formulated for use to prevent
or treat breast cancer.

9. (currently amended) A process for producing a
compound of formula (Ia)



~~where~~wherein:

~~X₁ and X₂ represent independently~~represents a
hydrogen atom, and X₂ represents ~~or~~ a group of formula (II)



X₁ represents a group of formula (II), and X₂
represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

R₁ represents a ~~linear or branched halogenoalkyl~~

~~group having 1-7 carbon atoms~~ nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

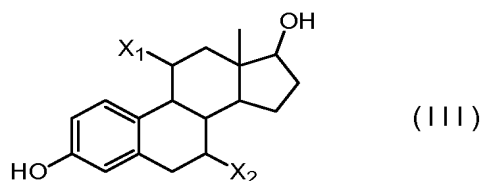
~~m is an integer of 2-14~~ 8;

~~n is an integer of 2-7~~ 3; or

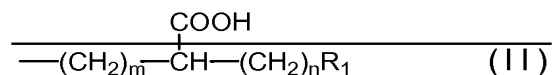
~~provided that X₁ and X₂ are not both a hydrogen atom),~~

~~stereoisomers of the compound, or hydrates,~~ salts or
esters thereof, said process including the step of:

oxidizing a compound of formula (III)



~~(where X₁ and X₂ represent independently a hydrogen atom or a
group of formula (II))~~



~~R₁ represents a linear or branched halogenoalkyl group
having 1-7 carbon atoms;~~

~~m is an integer of 2-14;~~

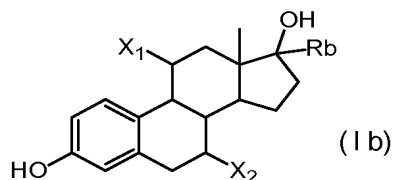
~~n is an integer of 2-7;~~

~~provided that X₁ and X₂ are not both a hydrogen atom),~~ wherein
X₁ and X₂ are defined as above, ~~or stereoisomers of the~~
~~compound, or hydrates,~~ salts or esters thereof.

10. (original) The process according to claim 9, in
which the oxidation reaction is performed by Oppenauer

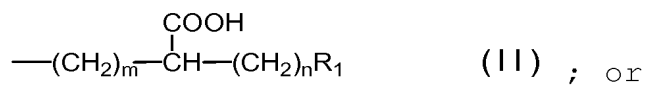
oxidation.

11. (currently amended) A process for producing a compound of formula (Ib)



~~(where~~wherein:

~~X₁ and X₂ represent independently~~represents a
~~hydrogen atom, or~~and X₂ represents a group of formula (II)



X₁ represents a group of formula (II), and X₂
represents a hydrogen atom;

in which:

~~R₁ represents a linear or branched halogenoalkyl~~
~~group having 1-7 carbon atoms~~nonafluoro-n-butyl group;

~~R_b represents a linear or branched alkynyl~~ethynyl
group having 2-5 carbon atoms;

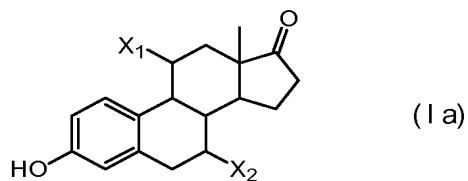
~~m is an integer of 2-14~~8; and

~~n is an integer of 2-7~~3; or

~~provided that X₁ and X₂ are not both a hydrogen atom),~~

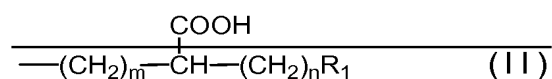
stereoisomers of the compound, ~~or hydrates,~~ salts or
esters thereof, said process including the step of:

alkynylating a compound of formula (Ia)



~~(where~~ wherein:

X₁ and X₂ are defined as above; or represent
~~independently a hydrogen atom or a group of formula (II)~~



~~R₁ represents a linear or branched halogenoalkyl group having~~
~~1-7 carbon atoms;~~

~~m is an integer of 2-14;~~

~~n is an integer of 2-7;~~

~~provided that X₁ and X₂ are not both a hydrogen atom);~~

stereoisomers of the compound, ~~or hydrates,~~ salts or
 esters thereof.

12. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the
 compound, stereoisomers of the compound, salts or esters
 thereof according to claim 3 as an active ingredient.

13. (new) The pharmaceutical composition according to
 claim 12 which is used to prevent or treat osteoporosis.

14. (new) The pharmaceutical composition according to
 claim 12 which is used to prevent or treat breast cancer.